



## BAD FIRE IN HOSPITAL

All Patients Were Safely Removed.

SEVENTY-FIVE INMATES

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LOSS IS THIRTY THOUSAND

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NEW HAVEN, Feb. 28.—The lives of 75 patients, some in a serious state, were endangered late today when a fire broke out on the top floor of the patients' ward in the Grace Hospital. While the firemen poured tons of water into the building the nurses, doctors and orderlies, assisted by the citizens, removed the patients to places safety in the ambulance, carriages, automobiles, truck wagons and other conveyances. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.

INTRODUCES A BILL.

At the Request of General Jacob S. Coxe.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Brumm of Pennsylvania introduced in the House a bill at the request of "General" Jacob S. Coxe, "To provide for public improvements and the employment of the citizens of the United States to encourage industry and public prosperity and to procure money to purchase and pay for all public utilities and for the redemption of said money."

The bill provides when there is a surplus of production with no demand for labor at living wages, the states, territories, counties, townships, municipalities or incorporated towns and villages, may for the purpose of employing the idle men and women on public work, issue non-interest bearing 25 year bonds not in excess of one-half the assessed valuation of their real estate, these bonds to be deposited with the secretary of the treasury, who shall issue treasury notes on this security, the money so realized to be used in the employment of idle persons at the minimum rate of \$1.50 per day for common labor, women to be paid the same as men and eight hours to constitute a day's work. The bonds will be retireable at the interest rate of 4 per cent.

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Max Singer was arrested yesterday charged with being in the white slave traffic. According to the story told the police by Minnie Smith, aged 23 years of Seattle, Wash., Singer has an agent in Seattle—a woman who keeps an employment bureau. She sends the woman to Singer and is paid \$25 for each. It is said he represents that Singer will get them good places on the stage. Minnie Smith and two other girls whose names she did not know arrived in Chicago three weeks. A few days later, according to the Smith girl, one girl was sent to a north side resort and the other went to the south side.

EDISON BETTER. NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Edison showed signs of improvement today.

## BURGLAR KILLED.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 28.—A Miner special from Billings, Mont., states that a man whose name is believed to be Hetland, was shot and instantly killed yesterday at Custer near Billings, as he was trying to force an entrance into a room of the Custer Hotel. The shattering of a window aroused Mrs. E. L. Green, wife of the proprietor of the hotel who called to Samuel Helms, a bartender, Helms swung open a door and Hetland grappled with him. Helms then fired three shots and killed Hetland. Helms was exonerated by the coroner's jury.

## DEATH ON RAIL.

DILLON, Mont., Feb. 28.—The remains of an unknown man found on the Oregon Short Line tracks near this city, January 9, have been identified as those of William Ridgely. Death was supposed to have been caused by the man being struck by a train but it now develops that it was a case of murder. Considerable money which Ridgely had with him when he disappeared is missing together with a companion with whom Ridgely was seen a short time before his death.

## MONUMENT FUND GROWING.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The society which was formed for the purpose of erecting a monument to the late Deputy Chief Charles Gruger of the Fire Department, who was killed recently in the discharge of his duty reports a gift of \$1000 from J. Pierpont Morgan. Bishop Henry C. Potter is chairman of the committee which is soliciting subscriptions.

## NORTH BANK ROAD

Will Open for Through Traffic March 16th.

## PASCO CONNECTION WITH N.P.

The Road Will Give Nothing But a Daylight Passenger Service so That Passengers May Have Opportunity to See the Columbia River.

PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—Promptly at 9 o'clock, Monday morning, March 16, the first through passenger service over the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad will be inaugurated, that is between Vancouver and Pasco. At that hour the east-bound train will leave Vancouver and will cover the 228 miles to Pasco in eight hours, running local all the way, and arriving at Pasco at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. This train will be connected with the east-bound Northern Pacific limited train.

The schedule is even faster than that of any local or limited trains on any steam road in the Northwest, and it is expected that as soon as the roadbed has been properly ballasted and surfaced, much better time than that will be made.

The road will give nothing but a daylight passenger service throughout, so the passengers may have fullest opportunity to view the magnificent river and mountain scenery along the line and at the same time get a good idea of the marvelous engineering difficulties the builders of the road have overcome.

The west-bound passenger will leave Pasco at 11 o'clock in the morning and will arrive at Vancouver a little before 7 o'clock in the evening, making connections at both ends of the run, passengers being able to get from Vancouver to Portland in plenty of time to take any of the late trains out of this city.

The company will not make through rates for passengers from Spokane to Portland until the Columbia and Willamette River bridges have been completed and trains run into the Union Depot of Portland.

## TO INCREASE ARMY PAY

Non-Commissioned Officers and Men.

CONSIDER AMENDMENT

Joint Maneuvers of Militia Organizations of Several States and Regular Army.

PEOPLE TIRED OF JINGOISM

Holiday of Indiana Vigorously Opposed the Measure—Efforts Being Made to Divert Men From Peaceful Pursuits to Enter the Army.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Without a dissenting voice the House early in the day restored the provisions to increase the pay of non-commissioned officers and men but prohibits the private employment of army musicians for pay. The House took up the amendment offered by Foster, of Illinois, to appropriate \$1,500,000 for the joint maneuvers of the militia organizations of the several states and the regular army. It provoked an extended debate, Hull and Tawney leading the opposition. The latter repeated his warning that if appropriations are not kept down the country will face a large deficit. Holliday, of Indiana, vigorously opposed the measure and could see no war spectre on the horizon or in the future. He declared the American people had tired of jingoism, militarism and the effort was being made to divert men from the peaceful pursuits to enter the military establishment. He was roundly applauded. The money to be expended had better be used for giving employment to the men out of work. The amendment was altered to limit the amount to one million and was agreed to by 56 to 48 but on the vote being taken by the tellers was lost by 59 to 60. The consideration of the bill had not been concluded when the House adjourned.

## MADISON SQUARE THEATRE.

To be Torn Down Preparatory for Erecting New Building on Site.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Tomorrow evening will see the closing for good and all of the Madison Square Theatre and this historical playhouse is to be torn down preparatory to the erecting of a new building on its site. It was hoped that the process of demolition might be delayed until spring but inasmuch as the theatre stands on a solid bed of rock, the architects have decided to have the work of excavation for the new structure begun sooner than was originally anticipated.

## SURGICAL KIT ON TRAINS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Besides the customary axe and crow bar passengers have seen for years in a glass case in railroad coaches, Dr. Insley H. Berry urged yesterday at the annual meeting of the Society for Instruction in first aid to the injured, that each train leaving New York City should be compelled to carry one kit containing bandages, whiskey, splints, plaster, sterilized cotton, etc., for use in case of accident or sickness. He said hundreds of trainmen had been graduated from the Society and consequently knew how to use such supplies to best advantage.

## ATTEL WINS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Abe Attel tonight practically knocked out Ed Kelly in the seventh round of a 20-round bout. The Californian floored the Buffalo boy four times in this round, and the police stepped in and stopped the bout. It was a case of a polished, scientific boxer being pitted against a rugged slugger and science won out. Attel was a two to one favorite in the betting.

## MINER MURDERED.

WINNEMUCA, Nev., Feb. 28.—Tom Bean, a miner, of Idaho Springs, Colo., was murdered at Gold Circle 40 miles east of here last night. Robbery was the motive. George Dove, a miner, was arrested for the crime and placed under a heavy guard due to threats of lynching.

## QUITS FRENCH CAR.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Captain Hans Hansen, who has thus far been a member of the crew of the French car No. 1, in the race from New York to Paris, announced last night that he would no longer continue in with the French. It was intimated that he would be associated with the crew of the American car for the rest of the journey.

## DAVE HENDERSON BETTER.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—David Henderson, the theatrical manager, has left the Augustana Hospital and returned to his home in an improved condition. The old time theatrical magnate has been suffering from a general nervous break-down complicated with heart trouble.

## CURRENCY SYSTEM

Will Prove a Uniform and Adequate Reserve.

## SYNOPSIS OF FOWLER BILL

Redemption of Notes in Gold Coin and Protect All Depositors in National Banks Thereby Preventing Panics and Hoarding of Money

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Chairman Fowler tonight made public the synopsis of the committee report which claims for his bill that it will unify the banking interests of the United States. It will prove a uniform and adequate reserve in gold coin to provide all banks with credits and thereby protect the interests of all depositors; establish a scientific and simple monetary system; will give the country a true credit currency system by which current credits will also increase and decrease in strict accordance with these demands of business; will give to bankers, farmers, producers, manufacturers and merchants and to all others having bank accounts the right to have their credits in that form which best serve their needs; will give to the masses of the people just as economical and cheap credits as the rich and powerful have; will establish a currency based upon the products of labor and redeemable in gold coin; will give to producers and merchants an opportunity to coin their commodities into currency which the banks will be compelled to redeem in gold coin; will establish in the United States treasury an approximate fund of \$700,000,000 to guarantee the redemption of these notes in gold coin and protect all the depositors in national banks, thereby preventing panics and stopping the hoarding of money.

## SENATOR SMOOT SPEAKS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The consideration of the Indian appropriation bill and a speech by Smoot, of Utah, on the currency bill, consumed nearly the entire time of the senate today. The Indian bill was passed.

## MINISTER WU HAS ARRIVED

Second Time Appointed to This Country.

AS CHIPPER AS EVER

He Declared That Relations Between China and Japan Were Almost Cordial.

TOUCHES ON TIMELY TOPICS

He Said the Army of China Was Being Reorganized and Was Now in a State of Transition—Given Banquet by Chamber of Commerce.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Wu Ting Fang for the second time appointed the Chinese minister to this country arrived today. Minister Wu denied the report that he was the bearer of an appeal to Washington asking this country to assist in preserving the interests of China in Manchuria and protesting against the alleged agrandizement of Japan in that province, admitted that there was "Some local friction." He declared he was not giving evasive information and declared that the relations between China and Japan were cordial and said so far as his knowledge went Japan has not violated the Portsmouth treaty with reference to the open door policy in Manchuria. He said he had no instructions from his government in reference to a modification of the exclusion laws but said he would see his countrymen and their interests properly protected. He said the army of China was being reorganized and modernized and said "China is now in a state of transition between the conservation of the old and the progress of a new era." And he said the condition may become more marked and acute and that China will become a modern nation. Tonight an elaborate banquet at the St Francis Hotel was given under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

## GAS FINANCES.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—A despatch to the Record Herald from Saginaw, Mich., says:

The \$400,000 company which bought and consolidated the east and west side gas properties in 1901 has a cash capital of just \$250 which came from the sale of five shares of the \$400,000 common stock with which the company was incorporated, according to testimony in the circuit court here yesterday. Soon after the properties were consolidated the company issued \$550,000 bonds against them. This came out in the trial of the city's suit against the Saginaw Gas Company to determine whether the company must refund to every gas consumer in the city 10 cents per 1000 cubic feet on every 1000 cubic feet sold since June, 1906. The company has a \$45,000 bonds up to guarantee payment in the event of the suit going against it.

## SEVENTY-SIX KILLED.

MONTEREY, Mexico, Feb. 28.—A dispatch to the News says that 76 men were killed by an explosion in the La Rosita mine in San Jose de Sabinas.

## WORLD'S RECORD BROKEN.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 28.—F. C. Smithson, of Portland, tonight broke the world's record in a 60 yards hurdle in 7 4-5 seconds.

## RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—By a vote of 11 to 5, three members present not voting, the House committee on banking and currency, authorized Chairman Fowler to report to the House the Fowler currency bill with recommendation that it be passed.

## PRESERVATIVE ALLOWED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The use in small quantities of benzoate soda and sulphur dioxide as food preservatives will be permitted pending the formal action of referee Board of the consulting scientific experts, according to an order of the department of agriculture.

## TOUGH TRIP.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Twenty days fighting her way across the Atlantic, through what her captain declared the worst series of storms he had ever encountered on that ocean, the German tramp steamship Robert Heyne arrived yesterday with a cargo of chalk from Dunkirk and Queens-town. Encountering a terrific north-west gale on February 13 the Heynes deck was washed continually by tons of water, the seas rolling as high as her foremast. A long, mountainous comber seen from the bridge three minutes before it struck the vessel broke against the deckhouses with terrific force, smashing in the doors of the captain's quarters and carrying away all the ship's spars. According to the crew the little 1768 ton vessel simply pitched and pounded her way across and that she ever got here with her cargo intact they considered miraculous.

## LETTER CONFIRMED

Men in Six Cities Connected With Alio.

## WROTE SON, LOST THE LETTER

Almost at the Moment he Made the Statement News of the Arrest of Six Men in Eastern Cities Suspected as Accomplices.

DENVER, Feb. 28.—Chief of Police Michael Delaney said this afternoon that a letter was found in the cell occupied by Alio at Colorado Springs written by the murderer to his son, contains the proof that men in six cities of the United States were connected with the killing of Father Leo. Almost at the moment he made the statement came the news of the arrest of six men made in Eastern cities suspected as accomplices of the murderers.

## BANK MERGER PROPOSED.

Combined Deposits Account of \$43,000,000, and Combined Capital of \$4,500,000.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Consolidation of the American Trust & Savings Bank and the Hibernian Banking Association is in contemplation by officers of the two institutions. Negotiations looking toward a merger have been on for several weeks and are said to be now practically completed. The contemplated merger, which would bring to the consolidated banks a combined deposit account of \$43,000,000 and combined capital of \$4,500,000 would make the new institution one of the largest in Chicago.

## MATTER OF BOOKKEEPING.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—At the offices of the Union Pacific the \$8,250,000, divided on O. R. & N. preferred stock was merely a "Matter of bookkeeping." No information as to the reason for the declaration of the dividend was obtainable. The dividend last year was 50 per cent.